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VIDEO CLUE HOPE IN BETTY MURDER HUNT

by Andrew Turton

DETECTIVES hunting the killer of retired Bewdley teacher Betty Yates are examining video footage taken near her secluded cottage as they piece together her last known movements.

Officers have also taken to the streets of the town with a new poster campaign.

More than 60 officers are now working on the case to bring those responsible for Mrs Yates' death to justice. It emerged this week that the 77-year-old was beaten several times by her own walking stick before being fatally stabbed in the neck at her cottage, off Dowles Road near the River Severn. Teams are still at the cottage conducting tests and have recovered the walking stick and other items for further examination.

The video footage was taken near the riverside on Bank Holiday Monday, January 2, by members of the public.

Officers say the footage could be vital in providing clues as to who was around at the time of Mrs Yates' last known movements. She was found dead in her cottage on January 4.

Police have appealed for any film or photographs taken by the public to be handed in as part of the investigation.

Detective Chief Inspector Neil Jamieson vowed to continue the hunt for the killer or killers, saying officers were following many lines of inquiry from the public and from their own investigations.

Vicious

DCI Jamieson also revealed Mrs Yates' cottage could have been locked up by the murderer before fleeing.

"This was a very vicious attack on an elderly lady in her home," he said. "It is possible that the cottage was locked up by the killer or killers when they left using keys Mrs Yates normally carried with her.

"These were on a fob attached to a black, pencil case-size purse which we have not yet found. Finding this would be significant and I would urge anyone who may have found or seen them to let us know immediately."

Officers took to the streets this week to jog people's memories with a new photograph of the retired teacher and put up posters appealing for information.

"We will use all the resources at our disposal to being whoever is responsible to justice," said DCI Jamieson. We urge anyone who has not yet come forward to do so without delay."

Anyone with information is asked to call 0300 333 3000 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



Victim Betty Yates was found stabbed



The poster that police have produced



Police officers have been trying to jog people's memories in their hunt for clues

Full steam ahead for rail revamp

A £250,000 improvement scheme on the Severn Valley Railway line between Kidderminster and Bridgnorth is steaming ahead.

More than a third of a mile of track leading to and through the 480-yard Bewdley Tunnel is being renewed.

Services have been halted while the work is carried out. The railway's infrastructure manager Phil Sowden said work was on track to be completed early next month.

Two teams with 13 workers, including railway staff and volunteers, are carrying out the repairs.

Mr Sowden said: "We have taken the old track out of the tunnel and now we've started putting the new track in there. It's going well so far."

The railway is working with Walsh Construction Ltd of Worcester on the project.

The Severn Valley line was built between 1858 and 1862, and linked Hartlebury with Shrewsbury, a distance of 40 miles. In 1878 a link was constructed from Bewdley to Kidderminster.

After nationalisation in 1948, passenger traffic started to dwindle. The line was closed to through passenger and freight services in 1963.

Report a pothole appeal to residents

AN alert has gone out to the public to help keep local roads in good condition as temperatures fall.

Worcestershire County Council is urging anyone in the Wyre Forest area who spots a pothole to report it.

Proplems are expected as it gets colder and water freezes and expands.

Workers are out every day finding and mending potholes.

Last year 22,000 potholes were filled and more than 120 miles of new road surface was put down in Worcestershire.

People can use the county council's online reporting system at www.worcestershire.gov.uk/reportapothole to alert the authority to any defects.

The online facility allows users to key in the nature of the problem and its location and to add images.

Councillor John Smith, cabinet member for highways and transport, said: "Anyone who spots a pothole can play a part in getting it fixed by reporting it. It's now easier than ever thanks to the simple and quick online reporting system.

"The teams that find and fix problems do a fantastic job."

People can also call the Worcestershire Hub on 0845 607 2005 to report any highways problems.

Safari park plan on show

A SECOND consultation on multi-million pound plans to create a 250-room hotel and conference centre at West Midland Safari Park will take place later this month.

Bosses will talk to visitors about the proposals aimed at increasing visitor numbers, on January 26.

Alongside the hotel and conference centre there are also plans to create a water park. The project, if given the go ahead, is expected to create around 300 jobs.

Shock as Victoria Carpets is on market

A HISTORIC carpet firm in Kidderminster has been put up for sale in a shock move by its directors.

Victoria Carpets employs around 750 people.

Its management has been coming under pressure from shareholders who want to see a bigger return for their investment.

The consortium includes former chairman Alexander Anton, a member of the founding family that brought the company to Kidderminster over a century ago.

Faced with what it considered an attempt to wrest control of the business away from them, management led by chief executive Alan Bullock, called in accountants BDO and put the business up for sale.

The company's current market value is £21.5 million and its shares were trading at £3.10 – up 2.5 per cent within minutes of the sale announcement.

More than half of its operations are in Australia. Just 200 still work at the headquarters and carpet factory in Worcester Road.

The board has been discussing its strategy for the business with a wide range of its shareholders.

A deadline is targeted for the end of February for the announcement of a firm offer for the company or its operating businesses.

School gets £4m facelift

WORK has begun on a £4million revamp of a Wyre Forest primary school.

Chaddesley Corbett Endowed Primary , near Kidderminster, is being transformed.

Headteacher James Hawthorn said the work marked a milestone in the school's long history.

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Pupils moving in after school's £5m revamp

PUPILS and staff at Stourport Primary School have moved into new buildings which feature the latest environmentally-friendly technology.

The project to replace Victorian premises with a new school, children's centre and nursery, cost £5 million.

It was carried out under the West Midlands Contractor Framework, a new way of managing major projects.

The school which has 315 pupils between the ages of five and 11, boasts the latest sustainable technology, including biomass boilers, green roofs and energy efficient lighting.

Head teacher Jacqui Elwis said: "It has been very exciting for staff, pupils and parents. The children have taken a keen interest in all the construction and are excited to be moving in."

David Thain, Worcestershire County Council's cabinet member for transformation and change said: "The county council is committed to finding better ways of working and this is an excellent example of the innovative ideas that have led to improved delivery and made crucial savings."

Other WMCF projects include St Catherine's Primary School in Kidderminster, Offmore Primary School, and St George's Primary in Kidderminster

MP pushes for town relief road

WYRE FOREST MP Mark Garnier has pressed transport ministers over the possibility of building a Stourport Relief Road off the A451.

He has told them it would provide relief to the residents and businesses of Stourport, which suffers from severe congestion during rush hour.

Mr Garnier is to meet Norman Baker, Minister for Transport, on February 8.

He will also discuss the possibility of a Hoo Brook link road. He said: "I have been pushing the Stourport relief road for years, but the Hoo Brook link is another, cheaper road that would enhance traffic movement around the south of Kidderminster and the South Kidderminster Business Park."

Fantastic response to appeal



Chronicle advertising staff Alexandra Walker and Glyn Diggett with the donations

GENEROUS Kidderminster Chronicle readers came up with a "fantastic" response to our annual pet food appeal.

Dozens of readers saw the launch of the appeal in the Chronicle and brought dog and cat food to the newspaper's offices.

The food is being organised now and in the next few days will go out to local charities which rescue and re-home unwanted cats and dogs.

Advertising executive Glyn Law who helped organise the appeal, said: "The response was fantastic.

"We've been doing the appeal for over 10 years, and this was the best year we have had for a couple of years.

"We had a whole range of people coming in, some with bags of biscuits, some with just a tin, saying 'this is all I can afford'.

"But it was all very much appreciated. It was so kind of everyone and we want to give a big thank-you to everone who donated."

Inquest is told of tragic fall

A PENSIONER crawled to reach a phone and call for help after fracturing his hip in a fall at his Worcestershire home, an inquest heard.

Ivor Spittle, aged 80, was leaving a workshop in the garden of his home in Kidderminster on August 24 last year when his knee gave way.

He crawled to the kitchen and knocked his telephone to the floor.

He was taken to Worcester Royal Hospital and was to undergo surgery, but he developed an inflammation of the bowel.

Worcestershire Coroner's Court heard Mr Spittle suffered a cardiac arrest two days later and died despite efforts to revive him.

Coroner Geraint Williams recorded a verdict of accidental death.

After the hearing Mr Spittle's nephew Rob Bynham paid tribute to his uncle who was loved by everyone who knew him. He had also been a marvellous engineer, Mr Bynham added.

Group's agenda

A TALK on local heathlands will feature at Hartlebury Common Local Group's meeting on February 6. Paul Allen, Manager of Wyre Forest nature reserves, will give the talk at 8pm at Stourport Boat Club. Call 01299 877275 for details.





Trust is looking for help on canals

THE charity which takes over British Waterways' responsibility for Worcestershire's waterways later this year, is looking for volunteer lock keepers.

The Canal and River Trust is asking members of the public, canal societies and anyone with a passion for their local canal or river to apply.

They can help at Diglis Basin in Worcester, Stourport, or on the Droitwich Canals.

Nick Worthington, British Waterways' manager for the region, said: "The task of a lock keeper is arguably the most symbolic on the waterways and a great way to support the Canal and River Trust in what will be its first year.

"Worcestershire's waterways are an important asset that needs looking after."

Brian Blessed the actor and adventurer, is backing the campaign.

He said: "Ever since I was a child I've loved our canals and rivers, going off exploring on my bike and looking for wildlife.

"They're unique places so I would urge people with a passion for their local waterway to get involved as a volunteer lock keeper.

"They meant so much to me as a child so I think it's important we all do what we can to help protect them for our next generations to enjoy."

Harriers chairman Mark sets himself a new goal

KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS chairman Mark Serrell, and long-time supporter Sian Stockton have set themselves a new goal – to shed pounds and raise £££s for the club.

Supporters at the home game against Hayes & Yeading United will have caught a glimpse of the chairman in shorts and T-shirt for the first weigh-in. He and Sian will be in the care of senior sports therapist Gavin Crowe.

They have set themselves the target of losing a minimum of three stones each and they are looking for sponsorship.

Harriers are in the planning stages of having a lift installed at Aggborough to help spectators with mobility problems.

It will cost about £40,000 and Mr Serrell is hoping that some of that can be raised through sponsorship.

Involved

One sponsor has already pledged £20 per lb lost, and Mr Serrell will match any further pledges.

He said: "The lift is something we have been working towards for some time now. I am not for a moment expecting to raise £40,000 in sponsorship but the saying that every little helps really is true.

"I don't want any supporters to feel obliged to get involved but we'd be grateful for as much support as we can get.

The pair's progress will be charted on the club's website, harriers.co.uk

To help, a form can be downloaded and printed from the club website or picked up from the ticket office at Aggborough.



Chairman Mark Serrell and fan Sian Stockton ready for their challenge
Picture: Stefan Rapacz

Outdoor fun is on offer for families

A PACKED programme of family activities is being offered by Worcestershire County Council.

The Outdoor Education Centres at Upton Warren near Bromsgrove, and Malvern Hills are offering bushcraft and survival skills, archery and climbing, canoeing and kayaking.

Families can take part from as little as £7.50 a session.

Head of Centres, Phil Ascough, said: "Keeping young people entertained during the winter can be challenging. We are opening our centres to families to give them the opportunity to try something together."

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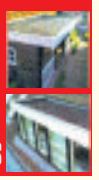


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Appeal as shop unveiled

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And the organisers are appealing for the public's help to make a new venture a success.

The British Heart Foundation (BHF) is appealing for unwanted goods for its Furniture and Electrical store which is due to open in Worcester Street on February 7.

The new store replaces the previous store which suffered the horrific blaze.

Bosses hope the store will be fully stocked with a variety of household goods including suites, sofas, chairs, dining sets, beds and wardrobes plus an array of electrical items including TVs, Hi-Fis, washing machines, fridges and dishwashers.

This will be the 139th BHF Furniture and Electrical store to open in the UK. They are opening at a rapid pace, with 40 planned to be unveiled this year. BHF Shops and Furniture and Electrical Stores raise £26 million annually which goes towards the fight against heart disease, the UK's biggest killer.

Bosses say donating is a great way to have a spring clean.

Every year, three million items of furniture that could be re-used go into landfill.

Spokesman Ron Humphreys said: "We need to fill the store with donated goods so we are urging people if they are having a clearout to book a free collection with us."

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Council giving public a voice on budget plans

RESIDENTS are being given a say on the budget proposals being put forward by Wyre Forest District Council's cabinet.

The council is conducting an online questionnaire to find out what residents think about council tax levels, proposals for savings and opinions on areas for spending. The survey is available at www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk

The cabinet's budget proposals include measures to tackle the financial pressures placed on the authority due to the economic downturn.

One proposal is to freeze the council's element of council tax. Other plans being consulted on, include setting up a fund to help economic regeneration, reducing the number of councillors and creating splash parks.

Councillor Nathan Desmond, Wyre Forest District Council's cabinet member for resources, said: "We have put forward a wide range of measures to tackle the difficult financial position we find ourselves in. The online survey is a quick and easy way for residents to let us know their views. "

Anyone without access to a computer can fill in the questionnaire at one of the Worcestershire hub customer service centres at Kidderminster Town Hall or Civic Centre, Stourport-on-Severn or in the district libraries.

Printed copies of the questionnaire are also available from the hubs. The closing date is February 3.

A decision on the budget will be made by full council on February 29.

Curtain rises on drama



Annie, played by Viv Cole, and Robert, who is played by Stef Austin

KIDDERMINSTER'S Rose Theatre is about to raise the curtain on a tense new thriller, In Two Minds.

Performances start on Monday, January 23, and the play runs until January 28.

In the psychological drama, divorced father-of-two David and partner Annie believe they have landed on their feet when they move into a dream home. But it doesn't take long for a string of strange events to cast a shadow over their new life and threaten to tear them apart.

For tickets, call the box office on 01562 743754 or book online at www.rosetheatre.co.uk

Concert to boost church

A CONCERT to set the mood for Valentine's Day will take place at St Andrew's Church, Ombersley on February 5 at 7pm. The Love Is concert will include songs and readings. It will be raising funds for Ombersley Church Tower Repair Fund and St Richard's Hospice in Worcester.

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Barely visible this car in Wrottesley Park, Wolverhampton was buried by the snow



One of the remedies used to combat the cold



Black Country Living Museum's 'icebreaker' Ross in 1963 during the 'Big Freeze.'



Stourbridge FC groundsman Jack Corbett was hoping to beat the freeze during the record-breaking winter of February, 1963, by borrowing a spike harrow to get the pitch fit for the following day's game

Big freeze brings out the best of the Black Country

Fiona Carding of the Black Country Living Museum, Dudley looks back to the Freeze of 1963

NEW YEAR 2012 saw unseasonably hot weather sizzling across the UK and some parts of the country reached temperatures higher than Spain.

MEMORY LANE
by Fiona Carding

It was, however, a very different story in January 1963 when the country endured "The Big Freeze" and one of the coldest winters on record.

Temperatures plummeted and rivers froze as blizzard conditions swept across the country. Three feet deep snow drifts caused chaos blocking roads and railways across the Black Country. Snow drifts of up to 22ft high brought much of the South West and Wales to a standstill and in Kent a mile stretch of sea turned to ice.

Margaret Millington from Coseley said: "I can remember it being so cold that the canal in Upper Church Lane, Tipton. My teenage friends skated on it like an ice rink.

"You took your life in your hands just walking to work as the paths were so dangerous. The gritters were simple open lorries with a couple of men shoveling salt and grit on to the road.

Slipping

"Houses had open fires in those days and ash would be spread over the ground to stop people slipping."

Walsall and Wolverhampton depended on supplies of coal from mines on Cannock Chase in Staffordshire and disruption caused an upsurge in sales of electric fires. Warming food like rabbit stew, broths and soups kept the cold at bay and people wrapped up in thick coat and boots.

Les Millington said: "My brother-in-law worked for the council and would be up at 3am to do the gritting. I can remember him leaving the house dressed in long johns with two pairs of trousers over the top to keep out the cold."

Milk was frozen on the doorsteps and would often freeze in the house as there was no central heating.

People would snuggle up by the fire or go to bed early to keep warm and save coal. The more well off you were the more you could afford to stockpile coal. If you depended on a weekly wage, your coal would probably run out within a week.

One thing however, is the same today as it always was. The vagaries of the weather brings out the best of the British as people pull together in the face of the Great British winter.



It was not all misery and chaos due to the freezing temperatures and snowdrifts some took advantage of the cold spell in 1963 to enjoy themselves such as this family who were out on a sledge ride in February of that year

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Firm rolling out carpet for town's new museum



From left are Richard Hammond and John Egerton of Shaylor, Carpet Museum trustees Charles Talbot and Robin Hill, Linda Collis, director of community and partnership services at Wyre Forest District Council, project manager Peter Read, museum patron Viscount Cobham and Richard Pugh-Cook, chairman of the museum trustees

WORK is now well under way on an innovative museum celebrating Kidderminster's carpet heritage.

Contractors Shaylor welcomed members of the Carpet Museum Trust to the site on trust's 30th anniversary.

Trust patron Viscount Cobham was among the guests who were given an update on how the works are progressing.

Shaylor Special Projects is turning the Grade II listed 19th-century Stour Vale Mill in Green Street, Kidderminster into an interactive museum.

The museum will incorporate an archives centre, library and meeting rooms plus offices and storage space over two floors of the mill.

Visitors will be able to see displays of machinery, the collection of artefacts and a gallery of photographs, and two working power looms.

Trustee and honorary secretary of the Carpet Museum Trust Charles Talbot, was delighted that the trust's volunteers – whose successful bid for a Heritage Lottery Fund grant of almost £2million enabled the project to go ahead – were able to see their vision taking shape.

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Residents not acting on energy bill errors

HOUSEHOLDERS may be missing out on millions in unclaimed compensation over mistaken energy bills and faulty meters.

More than four million customers made complaints to the six major energy suppliers in 2011, according to the report by Which?, with mistakes on bills and inaccurate meter readings causing the most hassle.

But 90 per cent of unsolved complaints are not taken to the energy ombudsman for resolution, meaning that an estimated £4 million in compensation may be unclaimed.

Resolve

According to Which?, real levels of customer dissatisfaction are going under the radar because energy companies are not obliged to publish the number of complaints they receive, how long they took to resolve or what the issue was.

More than 20 per cent of those surveyed who had suffered problems with their energy supplier in the last year admitted they did not make a complaint at all.

Richard Lloyd, Which? executive director, said: "Energy suppliers should be held publicly accountable, on a regular basis, for putting right the problems their customers are reporting."

Challenging role ahead for this 'bobby at heart'

It looks set to be a demanding year for British policing. BEN BENTLEY talks to West Midland-born police chief Craig Mackey as he heads to London for his biggest challenge yet

CRAIG Mackey has seen a lot during his 28 years in the police. The death of a colleague in heavy floods. The Derrick Bird shooting. The arrest of a shoe bomber.

And now the 49-year-old from the West Midlands his preparing for his biggest challenge yet. As Deputy Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police he will be one of Britain's top cops in what is expected to be an extremely demanding year for policing in London, particularly with the Olympics getting closer by the day.

Yet as the officer from Albrighton, near Wolverhampton, prepares to leave his post, he says he is still a uniformed bobby at heart.

Positive

He admits there have been dark days during the last few years. But looking forward to taking up office at Scotland Yard, the married father-of-one remains positive and optimistic about the challenges of 2012.

"It is a big year for policing, and with the Olympics there is a chance to showcase London and the UK, as well as British policing because there will be officers from across the country here in London," he says.

"As part of the command team at the Met, and as Deputy Commissioner, it is very much part of the day-to-day running of a city with eight million people.

"Many people from around the world look at the police and come to us for best practice. It is always going to be a challenge. But it is an opportunity."

He is also acutely aware, particularly following last summer's riots, of the effects upon policing of the fallout from the economic downturn, which looks likely to linger for some time yet.

But you can almost hear his smile down the telephone line, when he gets onto the subject of the West Midlands.

"I have very happy memories of Albrighton and Shifnal, and I have still got friends from the area that I keep in touch with, along with relatives from Bridgnorth," he says.

He did his growing up in Albrighton and went to St Mary's School, later catching the train to Idsall School in Shifnal and enjoying school trips to places like Ironbridge.

After a spell travelling the world with the Merchant Navy, he joined the police in 1984, being stationed in Wiltshire where "there were lots of things going on – cruise missiles on Salisbury Plain, as Greenham Common was just down the road.

"But I started off as a community beat officer on a housing estate in Swindon and I thoroughly enjoyed it. At heart, I'm a uniformed constable."

In 2001 Mr Mackey joined Gloucestershire Constabulary as Assistant Chief Constable, and in 2003 he was the Gold Commander for the terrorism operation in Gloucester that resulted in the arrest at a small terraced house of the second shoe bomber, Sajid Badat.

"I was the commander who co-ordinated the operation and community response. It just shows the extent and reach of the challenge that we all face," he explains.

"It was a very challenging incident because you went from it being one moment a very ordinary day to something that became national and international."

Communities

In September 2007 he was appointed Chief Constable of Cumbria Constabulary and co-ordinated the manhunt in June 2010 when armed taxi driver Derrick Bird went on the rampage, shooting dead 12 people before turning the gun on himself.

"As Chief Constable you are responsible for co-ordinating everything. You cannot help but think about the families that were affected by it," he says. "It was just so extraordinary in terms the scale of the incident."

Remote rural Cumbria is also difficult terrain to police. "The north-south communications are good, but east-west the roads are very difficult, with isolated communities. It would be like getting from Shrewsbury to the borders," he adds.



Top job for Craig Mackey

The year before, the county hit national headlines during floods which devastated communities, particularly at Cockermouth and Keswick, and which claimed the life of fellow officer Bill Brooks who, while attempting to direct traffic at Workington, was swept away after a flood-damaged bridge collapsed.

"Unless you have seen the size and scale of the devastation it is hard to put into words," Mr Mackey reflects.

"Bridges and phone systems were taken away literally overnight. Getting around was very difficult – it is hard to describe, but it would be like being in Shrewsbury and you cannot get across the Severn. We all felt completely empty towards the end of a long and difficult night, but to lose a colleague was absolutely tragic for everyone, particularly for his family who have to live with it."

But away from the headline-hitting incidents, Mr Mackey is keen to champion the day-to-day work of officers in communities, making a difference to ordinary people's lives by "doing the right thing" on "nitty-gritty" issues such as anti-social behaviour.

Indeed, he was awarded the Queen's Police Medal in the New Year's Honours of 2009 for services to forces over 25 years.



Riot police during the disturbances in Tottenham last year



Mr Mackey co-ordinated the hunt for gunman Derrick Bird

Money for retired is down by £3k a year

PEOPLE retiring this year expect to receive some £3,000 a year less than those who retired in 2008.

The typical retirement income anticipated for 2012 has hit a five-year low of £15,500 against the tough economic backdrop, while one in five of those retiring this year expects to have to get by on less than £10,000.

In the West Midlands, the annual retirement income this year is expected to be £12,800, according to the figures from the Prudential.

In 2008 people on the brink of retirement looked forward to a yearly income of around £18,600, including private, company and state pensions, a figure which has fallen by more than 16 per cent compared with 2012.

Secure

Just 37 per cent of those due to retire this year believe they have saved enough to secure a comfortable retirement, with men tending to be more optimistic than women.

Pensioners have been hit by high living costs, including soaring fuel bills, at a time when their savings pots have struggled to make real returns.

Vince Smith-Hughes, head of business development at Prudential, said the impact of the credit crunch, banking crisis, recession and the eurozone was reflected.

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Course is start of new page for young writers

BUDDING writers are being invited to a series of events at Kidderminster Library – a monthly writing group for young people.

The Kidderminster Writing Squad is being organised by Writing West Midlands. It is led by professional writer Ian Mcleod and the events will help young people develop their skills in creative writing, and learn about what it takes to be a writer. The course covers all aspects of writing, including includes poems, plays, stories and even blogs.

Jonathan Davidson, chief executive, Writing West Midlands, said: "Write On! Writing Squads have proved really popular across the West Midlands and it is great to see so many young people turning up and enjoying the process of writing. The squads are a unique way to engage with the written word in an informal and relaxed environment."

The group will meet monthly on Saturdays from 2pm to 4pm, with sessions on February 18, March 17, April 14, May 19, and June 16. There will be a charge of £5 a session. For information contact Joanne Penn at Writing West Midlands on 0121 246 2774.

Recycling is a hit with the public



Keith Thompson of the British Legion who helped set up the scheme, and Councillor Marcus Hart

MORE than a tonne of batteries has been recycled in the Wyre Forest district, thanks to a scheme introduced by the district council and the Bewdley Royal British Legion.

Convenient recycling facilities for batteries were introduced in the area in December 2008.

by Tim Spiers

Now three years later, the scheme has prevented thousands of batteries going to landfill, and reduced the risk of pollution.

Consumer batteries including AAA, A, C, D, button-cell and 9-volt varieties, both rechargeable and non-rechargeable, contain dangerous chemicals that can leak into water supplies.

Pollution

These hazardous chemicals can contribute to water pollution and endanger wildlife by entering the food chain.

It is now compulsory for retailers selling batteries to provide recycling facilities, but this was not the case in 2008.

Jo Duffield, Wyre Forest District Council's Waste Minimisation Officer said: "This is a fantastic result. When we started the scheme we had no idea how popular it would be.

"People have really embraced it, collecting their batteries at home and dropping them off at one of our customer service centres. Previously they would have had to go to one of the household recycling centres."

The collection tubes are at the council's customer service centres at the Worcestershire Hub, Vicar Street, Kidderminster, Load Street Bewdley and Stourport Civic Centre, as well at the Bewdley Tourist Information Centre.

Parents urged to pay online to save time

PARENTS of children learning to play a musical instrument are being urged to drop the chequebook and pay for the instruments by going online at www.worcestershire.gov.uk instead.

As from mid-January Worcestershire County Council's Arts and Music service will be sending out next term's invoices and they hope to encourage customers to pay online so they can reach their target of 80 per cent of its customers paying electronically.

Parents only need an invoice number when logging on to the website, and the transaction takes no longer than five minutes.

David Thain, cabinet member for transformation and change said: "Going online saves both the customer and the county council time and money. It also means that customers can log on at a time that suits them, as long as it's before the end of the payment due date."

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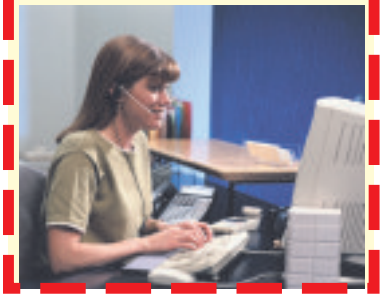


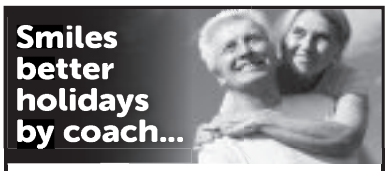
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Penalised for paying water bill

DAYLIGHT robbery. Water companies are implementing an extra £15 surcharge on the water rates of those who do pay, to compensate for those who do not and will not.

That's because the law states that nobody's water supply can be turned off.

It's about time those of us who do pay our bills took the same attitude then, if we are being penalised for paying ours.

Water rates are for the service that is provided to the payee's home address, like it says on the envelope it is delivered in, and those who do pay should not be expected – or have imposed on them – extra surcharges to pay the shortfall caused by those who have no intention of paying for this service.

The water companies should be allowed to recover the money from those who owe it to them.

They should not be recovering it from those who are already struggling to pay their bills.

Why aren't the shares reduced to pay for all this evasion of payments? Perhaps then the water companies will find the ways and means of recovering the costs owed to them.

Does anybody look at the cost and waste of the water that is being used by these illegal car washes?

They seem to spring up all over the place, and are more or less in every street you travel in.

Are they being investigated or being made to pay extra for this excessive use of our most vital resource?

Mrs P A Jordan,
Peartree Lane, Coseley.

Insurance premium rip-off for motorists

I WONDER how many other motorists feel they are being ripped off by insurance companies.

Recently my insurance came up for renewal, and despite being over 50, an ex-HGV and PSV driver, and having nine years-plus no-claims bonus, I found my premium had risen by £400.

We bought our daughter a Ford Ka for £1,500 last year. Someone ran into her car, writing it off. The same insurance company offered her £650 but retained a £200 excess. She still has to pay the premium until the end of its term – £450 – which leaves no cash and no car.

I'm starting to understand why so many people are driving around uninsured.

Tony Davies,
Sandfield Grove,
Lower Gornal, Dudley.

LETTERS to the Editor

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Enjoyment dwarfed by a little concern

I WRITE to you in connection with the 2pm performance December 18 of Snow white and the Seven Dwarves. I would like to congratulate everyone who played a part in this outstanding production. My self and my three children thoroughly enjoyed it.

However, I see the dwarves were children with masks and pre-recorded voices. I have to be honest at the time I was a little disappointed, however I fully understood in today's economic climate why such a decision may have been made.

Upon leaving the theatre I was approached by a TV crew who asked for a quick review. I was stunned to be asked if I would have been offended if the dwarves had been genuine. It appears there may be a little more than finances at the root of such a decision. I am disgusted at the thought of a theatre being put in a position where political correctness dictates. Can we not live any aspect of our lives without politics and prejudices. Was this significant change in cast simply made because little people are at the brunt of political discussion? Surely not.

Mrs Billingham, Dudley.

People in pain live with fear of snoops

AS a long-term sufferer of lower-back pain (my facet joints have crumbled), I feel very strongly about people who are "harassed" about this condition.

At 72, I am retired and have no fears from the "snoops".

Are the "snoops" who follow "back pain claimants" legally or medically trained?

My own condition means that I cannot stand for long. Neither can I lift weighty objects.

Most of the time when out walking with my wife, our pace is regulated by me – with my stick.

If I was claiming benefits, would they get them stopped and sue me?

Me? This morning is painful, and I will be hoping that the painkillers work.

Peter Cole
Chelford Crescent,
Kingswinford.

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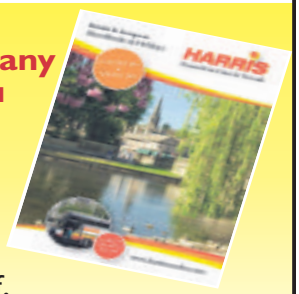
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DONNA naughty 40's, pretty, loves nights in, gym, theatre, seeks someone to make me laugh, give lots of cuddles and go on fun dates. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 383063**

SARA educated independent attractive female, nervous about dating through advertising, so pls don't disappoint me by not replying. I promise I wont disappoint you!**Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 383061**

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JEAN 71, fun loving Shrewsbury lady, seeks caring gent of similar age, GSOH, N/S for companionship/outings. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 373657**

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CLARE 25yr old single mum looking for fun times. I have red/blonde hair, blue eyes and am up for lots of fun. Any age/looks/status. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 382211**

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KATIE pretty slim blonde female, 35, N/S, likes pubs, countryside, meals out, seeking outgoing male for fun times, maybe relationship. Interested? ACA. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 382205**

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KIRSTY 36 attractive, blonde, seeking open-minded decent male for fun friendship, 40-60yrs. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 373013**

ANNA 29yr old nurse, 6ft curvy auburn beauty, likes cosy nights in, genuinely seeking older, well built male to look after, 40-69yrs. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 375139**

I'M attractive, very tactile with an hourglass figure, looking for fun and good times. Can you help? **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 368889**

SHARON 32, attractive black single mum of one, very tactile and WLTM male 45-65yrs for fun meets. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 376565**

PAULINE attractive petite nurse, loves evenings in/out, looking for honest male to share loving friendship and good times. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 379535**

JOY very hot fun loving 35yr old **American female** over on **regular** business, looking for English gent for mutually convenient friendship. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 378507**

VERY attractive 18yr old fitness instructor looking to burn some extra calories with older experienced male who thinks he can keep up, 30-60. ACA. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 364311**

DIVORCED very lonely single mum, young looking, slim, attractive, WLTM similar male for companionship. Age/looks/Status unimportant. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 370023**

SUZANNA lonely beautiful classy French lady looking for happy decent reliable man for lots of TLC and good times. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 375711**

BETTY fuller figured black female, 26, body confident, affectionate, WLTM older chocolate loving male for daytime meets. Any status. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 377511**

5FT 1ins female, brown hair, blue eyes, seeks male, 40-50. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 382099**

ATTRACTIVE 45yr old female, seeks genuine, attractive male, 38-48 for **friendship/relationship. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 388550**

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SUE 45yr old slim attractive blonde, loves working out, cooking, meals out, animals, looking for romance and good times with appreciative male. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 381711**

OLIVIA green eyed slim brunette seeking understanding male for mutual companionship and nice times. Age unimportant. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 381707**

DAWN attractive, slim female, 45, N/S, no ties, WLTM tall, fit male with get up and go attitude towards life. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 375825**

HOME alone with no one to call my own! 38yr old naughty girl looking for fun. Can travel. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 363277**

CARLY beautiful slim brunette looking for mature male 50-70yrs for fun. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 376569**

29YR old large black female looking for much older male, up to 70yrs, for naughty friendship. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 370017**

SLIM attractive lady with long auburn hair just wants to have a good time with likeminded older guy up to 75yrs. Looks/status unimportant. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 368119**

JANE 40's, blonde blue eyed petite build, with ties, WLTM understanding tall, caring man for daytime meets. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 375141**

SARAH 38, slim, nice looking, tactile, no ties, WLTM kind, loving male to enjoy affectionate relationship. Any age/looks. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 378483**

YOUNG looking attractive slim blonde, very lonely, WLTM nice guy for whatever life throws at us. No expectations. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 370111**

CURVY red haired female, been hurt in the past seeks older male to buy her flowers and mend her broken heart. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 377432**

LOVING caring young 67yr old female, **5ft 2ins, slim size 12, brown hair, likes** meals out, GSOH, smoker, seeks slim, smart male with GSOH, 58-62. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 364651**

JANE 46, single mum, N/S, romantic, likes dancing, nights out, music, seeking male, 40-50 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 380591**

LOUISA looking for lovely, young male, 20-30's, easygoing for fun. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 380469**

MANDY 36, size 10, looking for relationship with open-minded man. **Status unimportant. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 360317**

RACHEL 38, slim, attractive, works full time, seeks sensitive, funny gent for friendship, companionship, hopefully relationship. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 375929**

DIONNE 5ft 3ins, blonde hair, blue eyes, medium build, 42, single mum, seeks male. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 376801**

CLARE good looking, beautiful blonde, seeks male for fun and friendship. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 378209**

FEMALE looking **for** gent, 65-70, caring, loving and independent. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 378295**

LOUISE 43, 5ft 5ins, medium build, GSOH, kind, caring, honest, genuine, loving, WLTM male, 43-55 with similar qualities for LTR. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 376165**

JANICE attractive female, 50, size 12-14, seeks younger gent, 40-50 for fun. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 376115**

MARIA 38, blonde, 5ft 5ins, caring, likes nights in/out, seeks caring male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 329319**

KATHY caring lady 60, medium build, smoker, seeks caring, smart male 55-65 for companionship. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 374773**

ELAINE kind, romantic, loving 43, seeks genuine male for relationship. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 374845**

JEAN 71, fun loving Shropshire lady, seeks caring gent of similar age, GSOH, N/S for companionship/outings. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 373657**

FARMER'S granddaughter, OHAC, stunningly attractive, respectable, sincere, WLTM countryman/batchelor, 48-62, 5ft 9ins plus, genuine, uncomplicated with GSOH and TLC. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 387204**

POLLY dark hair, 50, attractive, outgoing, seeks special outgoing male for days out etc. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 371127**

LITTLE bit nice and definitely a little bit naughty! Imaginative curvy blonde seeks male for kisses and cuddles. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 363428**

TRACY attractive young blonde with great figure, likes nights in/out, looking for stimulating male for interesting meets. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 380389**

CAROL petite brunette, 38yrs, romantic, affectionate, outgoing, seeks similar male for nice times together. Any age/looks. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 377513**

GORGEOUS 26yr old independent female with lots to offer to the right person, seeks similar. Willing to travel. Any age/status welcome. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 358141**

RACHAEL 49yrs young slim, caring, sincere and fun loving, WLTM similar male with GSOH for mutual companionship, perhaps more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 381343**

BIG is beautiful! Female looking for someone to share a life time of happiness with. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 368528**

LOUISE 35, dark hair, blue eyes, attractive ex air hostess, looking for fun with older male for romantic nights in and more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 381341**

SHARON 37, social, WLTM male who likes good conversation, theatre, keeping fit and most of all who will appreciate a real woman. ACA. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 381345**

HOLLY 25, slim, attractive, brunette, likes gym, WLTM nice, sensitive male of similar age for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 380851**

SLIM female, 5ft 9ins, blonde, likes weekends away, meals out, seeks handsome chap to court me, then maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 369295**

KIND romantic female, 50, seeking a male to talk, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 368429**

OPTIMISTIC Shropshire lass, slim, gorgeous, seeks good looking gent, 40-50 with GSOH. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362033**

RAQUEL dark hair, tattooed, single mum, genuine, slim, petite, affectionate, sensitive, seeks special male. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 366755**

VANESSA fun loving single mum, 5ft 4ins, brown eyes, seeks kind, loving, genuine male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 304135**

WIDOWED lady 70's, likes countryside, travel, seaside, seeks nice gent to spend time with. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362993**

DIY gardening, friendly geek required by friendly 55yr old attractive teacher, soulful lady to share sunny days and starlit nights in my hilltop cottage garden. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 365137**

BLONDE tanned female, trendy, 46, GSOH, likes walks, pubs, nights in, seeks male. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 384852**

PROFESSIONAL independent lady, 49, slim, blonde, attractive, varied interests, seeks intelligent, romantic, sincere, genuine male with GSOH for companionship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 359351**

CARING and honest lady 61, 5ft 2ins, WLTM very caring and honest gentleman. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 357985**

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ATTRACTIVE tall professional, Indian male, 47, enjoys sport, socialising, good company, GSOH, easygoing, looking to meet a lady with GSOH for friendship and fun. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 383431**



MALE 60, N/S, average **looks, black hair,** likes meals out, seeks female, 50-70, looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 383425**

MALE 54, seeks female 60 plus for discreet fun. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 389114**

GENUINE professional male, 50, many interests, seeks female for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 382849**

ROY likes meals out, walks, weekends away, seeks romantic, caring, honest female for LTR. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 382769**

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IAN 5ft 10ins, 55, caring, honest, looking for sincere female with good personality, 45-55, enjoy being out, socialising, meals. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 382997**

63YR old male, widower, retired, looking for female of any age/status for fun relationship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 389132**

MARK 44, caring, honest, faithful, **looking for love with a lady to share love** and my heart with. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 382939**

SIMON mid 40's, 5ft 9ins, medium, well toned, love fun filled evenings to relax, cooking, music to more natural fun things, WLTM delicious looking and thinking female. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 382919**

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DANIEL 49, tall, attractive, GSOH, seeks lady for fun relationship. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 382559**

BILLY 50, black, Christian, 5ft 5ins, GSOH, seeks warm, genuine, Christian lady. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 382425**

FUN loving professional male, 37, seeks female for company, nights in/out, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 382417**

62YR old male, divorced, medium build, dark hair, GSOH, enjoys music, sport, gardening, socialising, seeks local lady for LTR. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 382401**

KEVIN solvent, 6ft 2ins, athletic, looking for soul mate. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 382385**

JOE seeking fun, sexy girl in similar area. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 382345**

PAUL OHAC, N/S, divorced, average guy, sociable, tactile, likes most things, seeks lady for LTR. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 382335**

62YR old honest, caring gent, seeks female for LTR. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 357121**

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JOHN 48, 5ft 10ins, warm, intelligent, hardworking, unconventional, unpretentious, seeks sensitive, intelligent lady. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 388412**

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GENUINE male, 54, own home, seeks female, any age for fun. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 368871**

MALE 57, no ties, good looking, N/S, seeks mature female to end loneliness and become soul mates forever. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 372737**

TALL romantic, outgoing lonely 51yr old fit, healthy guy, N/S, likes cooking, music, seeks attractive, likeminded female for companionship and more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 388862**

MALE 59, black hair, green eyes, glasses, N/S, likes meals out, occasional drink, seeks lady 49-70, looks unimportant for friendship etc. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 381523**

WHITE male late 60's, N/S, non drinker, seeks lady in her 50-60's. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 381437**

60'S MAmale, medium build, fit, high drive, seeks West Midlands lady who needs occasional male evening/weekend company. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 381307**

PAUL 60, medium build, fit, virile with strong needs, WLTM West Midland lady for regular mutual pleasure. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 374821**

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Arena for popular plays and well-kept secrets

POPULAR plays and a feast of small scale theatre are in store for visitors to Wolverhampton's Arena Theatre. The venue will also welcome theatre and film legend Steven Berkoff.

Venue spokesman Andrew Ridal said: "The forthcoming season at the Arena includes some well-known plays including Nick Horby's football-crazy play Fever Pitch.

"There will also be a production of Love's Labours Lost, direct from the International Shakespeare Festival at the Globe Theatre.

"There will be a double-bill of Harold Pinter plays, The Dumb Waiter and The Lover; the biographical I, Bertolt Brecht and a semi-biographical comedy from Wolverhampton's own Foursight Theatre about Hollywood legends Bette Davies and Joan Croward.

Iconic

"There will also be a production of the play that hit the headlines in 2007 for featuring a then-naked Daniel Radcliffe: Peter Schaffer's psychological thriller Equus.

"Additionally, there will be Steven Berkoff's adaptation of Franz Kafka's The Trial. It is Steven Berkoff performing his own masterclass in evil, Shakespeare's Villains, however, that will headline the season."

Berkoff is one of the iconic figures of British theatre and has carved out an enduring career as writer, director, actor, social and political commentator.

He is best known for a number of his famous roles in such films as A Clockwork Orange, Octopussy, Beverly Hills Cop, Rambo II, War And Remembrance and The Krays, among others.

Mr Ridal added: "It's his work in theatre that has built him a formidable reputation: shortlisted for Lawrence Olivier Awards, Winner of Fringe First Awards and London Evening Standard Awards."

Mr Ridal added that as well as the better-known plays at the Arena there would be plenty of brilliant small scale theatre. Mr Ridal said: "The Arena Theatre does that better than anyone else in the West Midlands, providing a diverse and packed programme of top quality theatre that you will probably never heard of.

"Whether you're looking for a cheap night out at the theatre – if you buy tickets for two or more shows at the same time, tickets are usually £5 each – or want to see a master at close quarters, we've something for everyone."

The Arena's forthcoming programme will include All Gleed Up tonight and tomorrow, 52 on January 19 and 20 and An Instinct For Kindness on January 26. An Instinct For Kindness features the story of Chris Larner, who accompanied his chronically ill ex-wife to Switzerland's Dignitas clinic. He came home with an empty wheelchair and a story to tell.

Mr Ridal added: "This moving, bittersweet show reflects on the circumstances, morality and humanity surrounding the journey.

"In a candid, poignant and sometimes comic performance, Chris explores both the profound personal implications and the wider ethical issues of assisted dying."



The cast of The Trial – a Steven Berkoff stage adaptation



Equua arrives in May

New wave bands to sweep in 30 years on

THREE of the biggest British 'new wave' bands of 30 years ago are coming back to Birmingham O2 Academy, and two of them will be celebrating their breakthrough albums.

First up on February 17 are Scottish guitar rockers Big Country, who start their 30th anniversary celebrations by performing their 1983 debut album in its entirety at the O2 Academy on the Friday as part of a 13-date UK tour.

The re-release of The Crossing next month, which included hit single In A Big Country, will be followed by a new studio album.

Original

The band is now fronted by ex Alarm singer Mike Peters, following original singer and guitarist Stuart Adamson's suicide in 2001.

Another top Scottish band, Simple Minds, will be performing songs from their first four albums as breakthrough album New Gold Dream reaches its 30th anniversary. Singer Jim Kerr and co will be in concert at the Bristol Street venue on February 24.

Thirty five years on from their debut Rattus Norvegicus, The Stranglers – including three original members - mark their 17th studio album Giants with a gig at the O2 Academy on Saturday, March 10.

Kicking off comic tour in the city



Patrick Monahan

A RISING star of the UK comedy scene, Patrick Monahan is kicking off his UK tour with two West Midlands dates.

He is due at Wolverhampto's Slade Rooms on Tuesday, February 7, and at Birmingham Mac, in Cannon Hill Park, the following day. Also at the Slade Rooms is TV magician and comic Pete Firman, from The Magicians on March 28.

Max appeal as Boyce back from valleys

WELSH icon Max Boyce brings his stories, songs and rugby anecdotes from the valleys to Birmingham Town Hall on Saturday, February 18.

There will no doubt be a welcoming cry of 'oggy oggy oggy' when the veteran entertainer, a stalwart of the comedy scene since the 1970s, brings his 2012 tour to the city.

The former coal miner is a national institution in his homeland and no doubt will be attracting expatriate Welsh folk and rugby fans for his Town Hall date.

He has been touring the world for 30 years and can still boast the first and only comedy album to hit the top of the chart with his multi-million selling Doctors Papers.

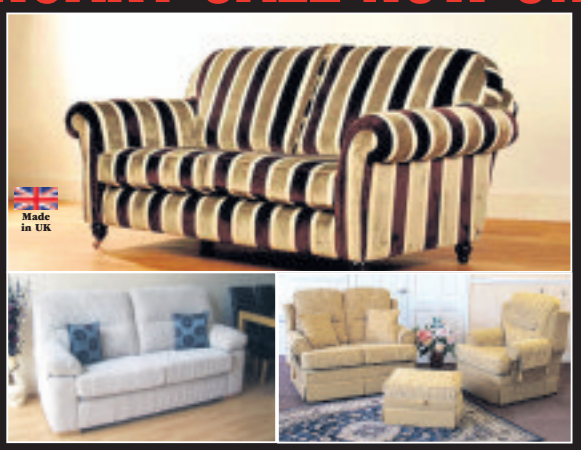
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Davidson stands up to be counted

COMEDIAN Jim Davidson is bouncing back from the failure of his hard-hitting play about the clash between old and new comedy, Stand Up And Be Counted, by returning to comedy gigging.

Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre was due to stage his play last year but the production was scrapped before its tour reached the city. Davidson will be back to tread the boards at the Lichfield Street theatre on Sunday, March 18

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SAT & SUN 13.50 15.50

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FRI & MON - THURS 18.20 20.40
SAT & SUN 17.50 20.20

THE SITTER (15)
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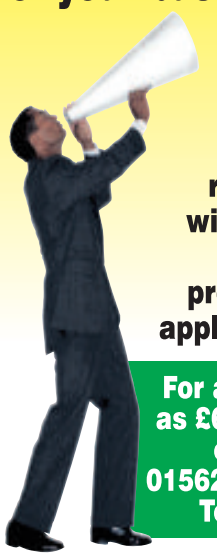
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BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 Nigel Slater's Simple Suppers. (R) 12.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. 12.15 Football Focus. 1.00 Live Snooker: The Masters. The opening semi-final. 4.30 Final Score. 5.15 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. 5.35 Winter Wipeout.

6.35 **The Magicians.** Great British Bake Off presenter Mel Giedroyc, former world heavyweight boxing champion David Haye and Got to Dance judge Kimberly Wyatt join the professionals.
7.50 **The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins.** Nick Knowles presents the game show in which two pairs of complete strangers team up, each battling to outdo the other by listing as much as they know about a given subject.
8.40 **Casualty.** Linda's sister turns up in the ED, on the run from social services and desperate for a place to stay, while Lloyd's actions put a patient in danger.
9.30 **Live at the Apollo.** Jack Whitehall hosts the stand-up show. Last in the series.
10.00 **BBC News; Weather.**
10.20 **Match of the Day.** Including highlights of Queens Park Rangers v Wigan Athletic; National Lottery Update.
11.45 **The Football League Show.** Highlights of today's games in the Championship, League One and League Two.

1.00 Weatherview. 1.05 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 12.00 Film: Whale Rider. (2002) Drama, starring Keisha Castle-Hughes. 1.35 Film: Fire Down Below. (1957)Romantic drama, with Rita Hayworth, Robert Mitchum, Jack Lemmon and Bonar Colleano. 3.30 Escape to the Country. (R) 4.30 Live Snooker: The Masters. The opening semi-final. 5.30 Pappano's Essential Tosca. (R)

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6.30 **Flog It!** Charlie Ross and Elizabeth Talbot appraise collectibles at Ely Cathedral in Cambridgeshire, while Paul Martin explores the building's history. (R)
7.30 **Dad's Army.** A major decides Corporal Jones is too old to be in the Home Guard unless he can complete an assault course. (R)
8.00 **Live Snooker: The Masters.** The second semi-final. Further coverage from Alexandra Palace, where the line-up for the final of the non-ranking tournament is decided.
10.30 **FILM: Doubt.** (2008) Premiere. A disciplinarian nun at a Catholic school suspects a charismatic priest of behaving inappropriately with a student. Drama, with Meryl Streep.

12.10 Snooker Extra. 2.10 Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. 7.25 CITV. 9.25 ITV News. 9.35 Film: Richie Rich. (1994) Family comedy, starring Macaulay Culkin. 11.25 This Morning: Saturday. 12.25 Murder, She Wrote. (R) 1.30 Murder, She Wrote. (R) 2.30 ITV News; Weather. 2.45 Animals Do the Funniest Things. (R) 3.45 Film: Jurassic Park III. (2001) Action adventure sequel, starring Sam Neill. 5.30 Regional Programmes. 5.45 ITV News; Weather.

6.00 **New You've Been Framed!** Harry Hill narrates camcorder calamities.
6.30 **Harry Hill's TV Burp.**
7.00 **Take Me Out.** A personal trainer, a football freestyler, a student and a mobile-phone salesman take part.
8.15 **The Talent Show Story.** The changing role of the talent-show host.
9.15 **The Jonathan Ross Show.** With Daniel Radcliffe, Noel Fielding, David Attenborough and Seal.

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10.15 **ITV News; Weather.**
10.30 **Celebrity Juice.** With Olly Murs and Caroline Flack.
11.15 **FILM: Inside I'm Dancing.** (2004) Drama, with James McAvoy.

1.05 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 3.05 In Plain Sight. 3.50 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.05 Sali Mali. (R) 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Freesports on 4. (R) 7.25 GT Academy. 7.55 The Morning Line. 8.55 T4: Everyone's Talking About – Top 10. 9.25 T4: Live and Lost: Chipmunk. (R) 9.55 T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) 10.25 T4: Desperate Scousewives. 11.25 T4: The Simpsons. (R) 11.55 T4: New Girl. (R) 12.25 T4: Playing It Straight. 1.25 T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) 1.55 Channel 4 Racing. 4.20 Channel 4 Presents – Will Bayley 2012. (R) 4.25 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.30 Channel 4 News.

6.00 **4thought.tv.** A woman explains her approval of China's population-control policy.
6.05 **FILM: Fame.** (2009) Musical remake, with Kay Panabaker, Naturi Naughton and Kherington Payne

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8.15 **The Million Pound Drop Live.** Quiz show, presented by Davina McCall.
9.50 **FILM: Transporter 2.** (2005) Action thriller sequel, starring Jason Statham and Alessandro Gassman.
11.30 **FILM: The Abyss.** (1989) Sci-fi thriller, with Ed Harris.

2.05 The Island. (R) 2.20 Abductees. (R) 2.35 St Elsewhere. (R) 3.25 90210. (R) 4.05 Force of Nature. (R) 4.30 Lost Buildings of Britain. (R) 5.25 Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 Animal Rescue Squad. (R) 10.20 It's All About Amy. (R) 11.20 Celebrity Big Brother: The Eviction. (R) 12.20 Celebrity Big Brother: The Eviction. (R) 12.50 Film: Along Came Polly. (2004) Romantic comedy, starring Ben Stiller and Jennifer Aniston. 2.30 Film: 55 Days at Peking. (1963) Fact-based period drama, starring Charlton Heston. 5.30 Film: Joe Kidd. (1972) Western, starring Clint Eastwood.

7.10 **5 News Weekend.**
7.15 **NCIS.** Gibbs revisits his home town to investigate an assault that left one Marine dead and another badly injured – and enlists the help of his estranged father to identify the assailant. (R)
8.15 **Celebrity Big Brother.** A round-up of Friday's action from the star-studded bungalow, including another celebrity packing their suitcase and returning to their normal lives away from 24-hour scrutiny.
9.15 **FILM: Made of Honor.** (2008) Romantic comedy, starring Patrick Dempsey, Michelle Monaghan, Kevin McKidd and Kadeem Hardison.
11.10 **Celebrity Wedding Planner.** With former Apprentice contestants Raef Bjayou and Stuart Baggs. (R)

12.10 SuperCasino. 4.00 Great Artists. (R) 4.25 Divine Designs. (R) 4.50 County Secrets. (R) 5.00 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.10 The Milkshake! Show. (R) 5.35 Thomas & Friends. (R) 5.45 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2
3.35 American Idol 6.25 Film: The Borrowers. (1997) Children's fantasy, starring John Goodman, Jim Broadbent, Celia Imrie, Flora Newbigin and Tom Felton. Including FYI Daily. 8.15 Take Me Out – The Gossip 9.00 Film: Notting Hill (1999) 11.25 Film: Analyze This. (1999) Comedy, with Robert De Niro, Billy Crystal, Lisa Kudrow, Chazz Palminteri and Joe Viterelli. Including FYI Daily.

ITV3
2.45 Bertie and Elizabeth 4.45 A Touch of Frost 7.00 Rosemary & Thyme 8.00 Doc Martin 9.00 Foyle's War 11.00 Wallis and Edward

ITV4
3.15 Film: Licence to Kill (1989) 5.55 Film: Where Eagles Dare (1969) 9.00 Ali: Still the Greatest 10.00 Film: When We Were Kings. (1996) Oscar-winning documentary, by Leon Gast. 11.50 Film: American HistoryX. (1998) Drama, starring Edward Norton.

BBC THREE
7.00 Top Gear. Michael Sheen is the Star in a Reasonably Priced Car. 8.00 Sherlock 9.30 Film: Enemy of the State (1998) 11.35 Family Guy

BBC FOUR
7.00 Amazon: Unnatural Histories 8.00 Shock and Awe: The Story of Electricity 9.00 Borgen 11.00 Top of the Pops: 1977 11.35 Word Up! – Black American Pop at the BBC

E4
1.25 Hollyoaks 4.00 Desperate Scousewives 5.05 Scrubs 6.05 The Big Bang Theory 7.05 Happy Endings 7.35 How I Met Your Mother 8.00 Rules of Engagement 8.35 The Big Bang Theory 9.00 Film: Beverly Hills Cop (1984) 11.10 The Big Bang Theory

FILM4
2.50 Paths of Glory (1957) 4.35 Hope Floats (1998) 6.50 Rat Race (2001) 9.00 Role Models (2008) Comedy, starring Paul Rudd and Seann William Scott. 11.00 44 Inch Chest (2009)

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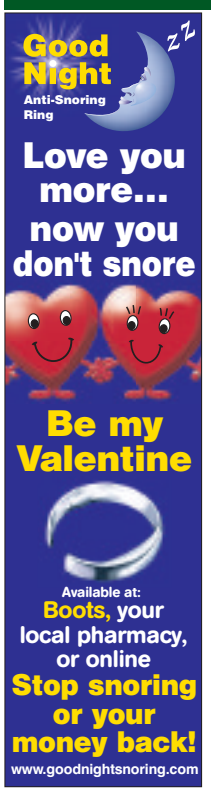
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BBC1



6.00 Breakfast. **7.30** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Country Tracks; Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.00** Sunday Politics. **1.00** EastEnders. **2.55** The Royal Bodyguard. (R) **3.25** Escape to the Country. **4.25** Songs of Praise. **5.00** Regional Programmes. **5.30** Antiques Roadshow. (R)

6.30 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
7.00 Countryfile. Matt Baker takes a walk through the Wye Valley, Ellie Harrison learns of a local restoration project, and John Craven investigates the controversy surrounding veal.
8.00 Call the Midwife. Miranda Hart joins the cast as clumsy new midwife Chummy. Jessica Raine and Amy McAllister co-star in the period medical drama.
9.00 Birdsong. First of a two-part drama adapted from Sebastian Faulks' novel. A man begins an affair with a married woman in pre-First World War France.
10.25 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
10.50 Match of the Day 2. Including highlights of Arsenal v Manchester United.
11.55 Room 101 – Extra Storage. Frank Skinner hosts a revamped version of the show.

12.35 Weatherview. **12.40** Sign Zone: Film 2012 with Claudia Winkleman. (R) **1.20** Holby City. (R) **2.20** Hairy Bikers' Best of British. (R) **3.05** Celebrity Antiques Road Trip. (R) **4.05** BBC News. **4.10** Close.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Something for the Weekend. **11.30** Film: The High and the Mighty. (1954) Disaster thriller, starring John Wayne. **1.50** Live Snooker: The Masters. **4.45** Ski Sunday. **5.30** Porridge. (R)



6.00 The Last Explorers. New series. Neil Oliver examines the feats of four Scottish adventurers who helped to shape the modern world with their discoveries and ideas, beginning with David Livingstone.
7.00 The Many Faces of Les Dawson. Profile of the Manchester-born comedian. (R)
8.00 Live Snooker: The Masters. The concluding session of the final. Coverage from Alexandra Palace, London, where the first player to win 10 frames will be crowned champion. Subsequent programmes subject to change.
11.00 Frank Skinner's Opinionated. With Alun Cochrane and Sarah Millican. (R)
11.30 Fast and Loose. Featuring David Armand, Greg Davies and Justin Edwards. Last in the series. (R)

12.00 Film: Jacknife. (1989) Drama, starring Robert De Niro and Ed Harris. **1.40** BBC News. **4.10** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Ade in Britain. (R) **10.30** Dinner Date. (R) **11.30** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **12.30** ITV News; Weather. **12.40** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **1.45** Film: Columbo: Requiem for a Falling Star. (1973) **3.45** Vera. (R) **5.40** Regional Programmes. **5.55** ITV News; Weather.

6.10 Dancing on Ice. The 13 remaining contestants perform on the same show for the first time, skating to songs from films in a bid to wow the judges and viewers and survive another week on the ice. The results can be seen at 9.30pm.
8.30 Wild at Heart. Danny finds a potential lifeline for the family as he pitches for a grant that would enable him to buy Leopard's Den, but his old boss Ed Lynch is also competing for the money.
9.30 Dancing on Ice: The Skate Off.
10.00 That Sunday Night Show. With Ardal O'Hanlon and Ross Noble.
10.30 ITV News; Weather.
10.45 FILM: Alexander. (2004) Historical epic, starring Colin Farrell.



1.45 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.00** Ladette to Lady: Australia. (R) **2.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Freesports on 4. (R) **7.30** Channel 4 Presents – Oscar Pistorius "Blade Runner". The Paralympic gold medallist explains his motivations. (R) **7.35** T4: That Paralympic Show. (R) **8.00** T4: One Tree Hill. (R) **8.50** T4: Hollyoaks. (R) **11.20** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.55** T4: Shipwrecked: The Island. **12.55** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.35** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **2.05** Film: Ladyhawke. (1985) Fantasy, starring Rutger Hauer and Michelle Pfeiffer. **4.25** Deal or No Deal. **5.25** Channel 4 News. **5.55** 4thought.tv.

6.00 Time Team. New series. Gateholm Island, Pembrokeshire.
7.00 Hugh's Three Hungry Boys. The friends explore what the sea has to offer.



8.00 The Hotel. Manager Mark throws a pool party for guests.
9.00 FILM: 127 Hours. (2010) Premiere. Danny Boyle's fact-based drama, with James Franco and Kate Mara.
10.50 Chris Moyles' Quiz Night. (R)
11.40 Ben Elton: Laughing at the 80s. (R)

1.35 Coming Up: Geronimo. (R) **2.05** Hallo Panda. (R) **2.35** A Film from My Parish. (R) **2.45** St Elsewhere. (R) **3.35** 90210. (R) **4.15** Lost Buildings of Britain. (R) **5.10** Countdown. (R) **5.55** Sali Mali. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Fireman Sam. (R) **6.40** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **6.50** Castle Farm. (R) **6.55** Igam Ogam. (R) **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.15** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **7.35** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.45** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.05** Olivia. (R) **8.20** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.30** Angelina Ballerina. **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.30** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.40** Mist: Sheepdog Tales. (R) **10.00** Zoo Days. (R) **10.05** Meerkat Manor. (R) **10.35** Grey's Anatomy. (R) **11.30** Celebrity Big Brother. (R) **12.30** Benidorm ER. (R) **1.30** Film: Police Academy 3: Back in Training. (1986) Comedy sequel, with Steve Guttenberg. **3.05** Film: Little Man. (2006) Comedy, starring Marlon Wayans. **4.55** Film: Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls. (1995) Comedy sequel, starring Jim Carrey.

6.40 FILM: Spider-Man. (2002) Comic-book adventure, starring Tobey Maguire.
9.05 World's Greatest Heroes. (R)
9.55 5 News.
10.00 Celebrity Big Brother.
11.00 FILM: Single White Female. (1992) Thriller, starring Bridget Fonda and Jennifer Jason Leigh.

1.10 SuperCasino. **4.00** County Secrets. (R) **4.10** Great Scientists. (R) **4.35** Divine Designs. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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ITV2
2.45 Film: Back to the Future (1985) **5.00** Film: Batteries Not Included (1987) **7.05** Film: Ice Age: The Meltdown (2006) **9.00** Winners & Losers **10.00** Film: Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous (2005)

ITV3
3.55 Film: From Time to Time (2009) **5.50** Agatha Christie's Poirot **9.00** Lewis. The detective suspects rock band veterans are mixed up in murder. Last in the series. **11.00** Cracker

ITV4
2.35 Film: The Big Country (1958) **5.55** The Professionals **7.00** UEFA Champions League Greatest Goals **7.10** Film: Escape to Victory (1981) **9.30** Africa Cup of Nations **11.00** Film: Lethal Weapon (1987)

BBC THREE
7.00 Film: Bee Movie (2007) **8.20** Great Movie Mistakes 2011: NOT IN 3D **8.30** World's Craziest Fools **9.00** Edinburgh Comedy Fest Live 2011 **10.00** American Dad! **10.45** Family Guy

BBC FOUR
7.00 Pugin: God's Own Architect **8.00** The Story of Musicals **9.00** Les Mis at 25: Matt Lucas Dreams the Dream **10.00** Film: The Boy Friend (1971)

E4
3.40 Being Erica **4.40** Samantha Who? **5.10** Film: Taxi (2004) **7.10** 90210 **8.05** David Blaine: Magic Man **9.00** Desperate Housewives **11.00** Rude Tube

FILM4
2.40 Carry On Nurse (1959) **4.20** Independence Day (1996) **7.00** Life or Something Like It. (2002) Comedy, starring Angelina Jolie, Edward Burns, Tony Shalhoub and Stockard Channing. **9.00** Working Girl. (1988) Comedy, starring Melanie Griffith, Sigourney Weaver and Harrison Ford. **11.10** White Men Can't Jump (1992)





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Monday

BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Wanted Down Under. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Saints and Scroungers. 11.45 Britain's Empty Homes; BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.45 Doctors. 2.15 Escape to the Country. 3.00 BBC News; Weather; Regional News. 3.05 CBBC. 5.15 Pointless. 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather. 7.00 The One Show. 7.30 Inside Out; BBC News; Regional News. 8.00 EastEnders. 8.30 Train Fares: Taken for a Ride? — Panorama. 9.00 The Royal Bodyguard. 9.30 Mrs Brown's Boys. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 A Question of Sport. 11.05 Late Kick Off. 11.35 The Graham Norton Show. (R) 12.20 Weatherview. 12.25 Sign Zone: Who Do You Think You Are? (R) 1.25 MasterChef: The Professionals. (R) 1.55 You've Been Scammed. (R) 2.40 Celebrity Antiques Road Trip. (R) 3.40 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.25 CBeebies. 11.30 BBC World News. 12.00 Daily Politics. 1.00 Live Bowls. 3.00 Helicopter Heroes. (R) 3.45 Flog It! 4.30 Perfection. 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Railway Journeys. 7.00 Baking Made Easy. (R) 7.30 A Question of Taste. 8.00 University Challenge. 8.30 An Island Parish. 9.00 The Real Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines: A Wonderland Film. 10.00 Mock the Week — Again. (R) 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 American Football. 12.20 Bowls. 1.20 BBC News. 3.40 Close. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. 3.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show. 3.59 Regional Weather. 4.00 The Hungry Sailors. 5.00 The Chase. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Cornwall with Caroline Quentin. 8.30 Coronation Street. 9.00 Above Suspicion: Silent Scream. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 That Sunday Night Show. (R) 11.10 Law & Order: UK. (R) 12.05 River Monsters. (R) 12.30 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 3.30 ITV Nightscreen. 4.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.00 The Treacle People. (R) 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.30 According to Jim. (R) 7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.25 Frasier. (R) 8.55 Undercover Boss USA. (R) 9.55 Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. (R) 11.00 Secret Location. 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. (R) 1.05 Channel 4 Presents — Ellie Simmonds 2012. (R) 1.10 River Cottage Bites. (R) 1.30 Film: Passport to Pimlico. (1949) 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Celebrity Coach Trip. 5.30 Come Dine with Me. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 SuperScrimpers. 9.00 Coppers. 10.00 Party Paramedics. 11.05 Random Acts. 11.10 Shameless. (R) 12.15 The Joy of Teen Sex. (R) 1.10 Embarrassing Bodies. (R) 2.05 Undressing My Mother. (R) 2.10 Brain Damage. (R) 2.15 St Elsewhere. (R) 3.05 90210. (F) 3.45 Designers Under Pressure. (R) 4.00 Rome: The Model Empire. (R) 4.55 Lost Buildings of Britain. (R) 5.55 Sali Mali. (R)

Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.10 LIVE with Gabby. 12.10 5 News Lunchtime. 12.15 Celebrity Big Brother. (R) 1.15 Home and Away. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R) 3.15 Film: Jane Doe: Ties That Bind. (2007) 5.00 5 News at 5. 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Home and Away. (R) 6.30 5 News at 6.30. 7.00 World's Toughest Trucker; (R) 5 News Update. 8.00 Police Interceptors; 5 News at 9. 9.00 Celebrity Big Brother. 10.00 Celebrity Wedding Planner. 11.00 Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side. 12.00 Kate Thornton – Anorexic: My Secret Past. (R) 1.00 SuperCasino. 4.00 Animal Rescue Squad. (R) 4.10 Grey's Anatomy. 5.00 County Secrets. (R) 5.10 House Doctor. (R)

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.25 CBeebies. 11.30 BBC World News. 12.00 Daily Politics. 1.00 Live Bowls. The World Indoor Championships. 3.00 Helicopter Heroes. (R) 3.45 Flog It! 4.30 Perfection. 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Railway Journeys. Michael Portillo visits Hadrian's Wall. 7.00 Escape to the Country. (R) 7.30 Match of the Day Live. Cardiff City v Crystal Palace (Kick-off 7.45pm). 10.00 Rhod Gilbert's Work Experience. (R) 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Royal Institution Christmas Lectures 2011 — Meet Your Brain. 12.20 Bowls. 1.20 BBC News. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

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Channel 4 6.00 The Treacle People. (R) 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.30 According to Jim. (R) 8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.30 Frasier. (R) 9.00 Undercover Boss USA. (R) 9.55 Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. (R) 11.00 Secret Location. 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. (R) 1.05 River Cottage Bites. (R) 1.20 Film: Blithe Spirit. (1945) Supernatural comedy, starring Rex Harrison. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Celebrity Coach Trip. 5.30 Come Dine with Me. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 The Fat Fighters. 9.00 15 Kids and Counting. The problems caused by sibling rivalry in large families. 10.00 Shameless. 11.05 Desperate Housewives. 12.00 Random Acts. 12.05 Poker. 1.10 Sailing: America's Cup Uncovered. 1.35 KOTV Boxing Weekly. 2.05 Volleyball. 3.00 GT Academy. (R) 3.25 That Paralympic Show. (R) 3.55 Paralympic Wheelchair Rugby GB Cup 2011. (R) 4.50 European Wheelchair Fencing Championships 2011. (R) 5.15 Scrapheap Challenge. (R)

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.25 CBeebies. 11.30 Daily Politics. 1.00 See Hear. 1.30 Live Bowls. The World Indoor Championships. 3.00 Helicopter Heroes. (R) 3.45 Flog It! 4.30 Perfection. 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Railway Journeys. 7.00 Hairy Bikers' Best of British. 8.00 Natural World. 9.00 The Crusades. 10.00 Have I Got News for You. (R) 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Royal Institution Christmas Lectures 2011 – Meet Your Brain. 12.20 Bowls. 1.20 BBC News. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

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Channel 4 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.30 According to Jim. (R) 7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.25 Frasier. (R) 8.55 Undercover Boss USA. (R) 9.55 Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. (R) 11.00 Secret Location. 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. 1.05 River Cottage Bites. (R) 1.25 Film: The Belles of St Trinian's. (1954) Comedy, starring Alastair Sim. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Celebrity Coach Trip. 5.30 Come Dine with Me. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 How to Cook Like Heston. 8.30 The Fabulous Baker Brothers. 9.00 One Born Every Minute. 10.00 Countdown — 8 Out of 10 Cats. (R) 10.35 Film: Run Fat Boy Run. (2007) Romantic comedy, with Simon Pegg. 12.30 Random Acts. 12.35 Music on 4: Launched at Red Bull Studios. 1.05 Music on 4: Curated by Lyle and Scott. 1.20 Music on 4: Professor Green Unseen: After Hours. (R) 1.50 Music on 4-4Play: Beardyman. (R) 2.00 Film: That Riviera Touch. (1966) Comedy, starring Morecambe. (R) 4.30 Force of Nature. (R) 5.00 Gone Fishing. (R) 5.15 Countdown. (R)

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.25 CBeebies. 11.30 BBC World News. 12.00 Daily Politics. 1.00 Live Bowls. Coverage of the women's singles final. 3.00 Helicopter Heroes. (R) 3.45 Flog It! 4.30 Perfection. 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Railway Journeys. 7.00 Hairy Bikers' Best of British. Extravagant culinary creations. Last in the series. 8.00 Saxon Hoard: A Golden Discovery. 9.00 Putin, Russia & the West. 10.00 Never Mind the Buzzcocks. (R) 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Royal Institution Christmas Lectures 2011 — Meet Your Brain. (R) 12.20 Bowls. 1.20 BBC News. 3.35 Close. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

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Channel 4 6.00 The Treacle People. (R) 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.30 According to Jim. 7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.25 Frasier. (R) 8.55 Undercover Boss USA. (R) 9.55 Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. (R) 11.00 Secret Location. 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. (R) 1.10 Film: The Third Man. (1949) Thriller, starring Joseph Cotten and Orson Welles. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Celebrity Coach Trip. 5.30 Come Dine with Me. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 Location, Location, Location. 9.00 The Restoration Man. 10.00 Japan's Tsunami: Caught on Camera. (R) 11.25 Random Acts. 11.30 Coppers. (R) 12.30 Party Paramedics. (R) 1.30 Hunting Britain's Most Wanted. (R) 2.25 Portrait of a Young Man Drowning. (R) 2.35 Six Shooter. (R) 3.05 Get the Picture. (R) 3.15 Britain AD: King Arthur's Britain. (R) 4.15 Lost Buildings of Britain. (R) 5.10 Countdown. (R) 5.55 Sali Mali. (R)

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Friday

BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Wanted Down Under. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Saints and Scroungers. 11.45 Britain's Empty Homes; BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.45 Doctors. 2.15 Escape to the Country. 3.00 BBC News; Weather; Regional News. 3.05 CBBC. 5.15 Pointless. 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather. 7.00 The One Show; BBC News; Regional News. 8.00 EastEnders. 8.30 Room 101. 9.00 Hustle. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 The Graham Norton Show. 11.20 The National Lottery Friday Night Draws. 11.30 Film: Starship Troopers. (1997) Sci-fi adventure, starring Casper Van Dien. 1.25 Weatherview. 1.30 Sign Zone: Question Time. (R) 2.30 MasterChef: The Professionals. (R) 3.30 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.25 CBeebies. 11.30 BBC World News. 12.00 Daily Politics. 1.00 Live Bowls. The World Indoor Championships quarter-finals. 3.00 Helicopter Heroes. (R) 3.45 Flog It! 4.30 Perfection. 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Railway Journeys. 7.00 Great Barrier Reef. (R) 8.00 Mastermind. 8.30 On Hannibal's Trail. (R) 9.00 Cash in China's Attic: A Culture Show Special. 10.00 QI. (R) 10.30 Newsnight. 11.00 The Review Show. 11.45 Weather. 11.50 Film: The Notorious Bettie Page. (2005) Biographical drama, starring Gretchen Mol. 1.20 Bowls. 2.20 BBC News. 3.35 Close.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. 3.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show. 3.59 Regional Weather. 4.00 The Hungry Sailors. 5.00 The Chase. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Safari Vet School. 8.30 Coronation Street. 9.00 Law & Order: UK. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Film: Jaws 2. (1978) Thriller sequel, starring Roy Scheider. 12.45 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.45 Film: Ray. (2004) Biopic, starring Jamie Foxx. 5.20 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.00 The Treacle People. (R) 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.30 According to Jim. (R) 7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.25 Frasier. (R) 8.55 Undercover Boss USA. (R) 9.55 Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. (R) 11.00 Secret Location. 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. (R) 1.10 River Cottage Bites. 1.25 Film: Brighton Rock. (1947) Thriller, starring Richard Attenborough. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Celebrity Coach Trip. 5.30 Come Dine with Me. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.30 4thought.tv. 7.35 Come Dine with Me. (R) 8.30 New Girl. 9.00 The Million Pound Drop Live. 10.30 Chris Moyles' Quiz Night. 11.20 Rude Tube. (R) 12.25 Film: Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind. (2004) Romantic drama, starring Jim Carrey and Kate Winslet. 2.15 Random Acts. 2.20 Swimming. (R) 2.40 Meeting Helen. (R) 2.50 The Fishmonger. (R) 2.55 My Name Is Earl. (R) 3.20 Hung. (R) 4.25 St Elsewhere. (R) 5.10 Countdown. (R) 5.55 TBA.

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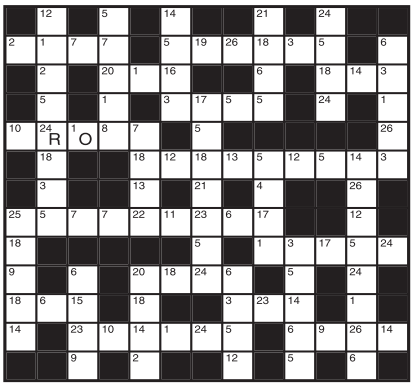
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Double Crossword

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Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Strict hand drafts a new order (4,3,4)
9. It's the least one can do (7)
10. Creed of a company in the red? Just the opposite (5)
11. Dependable form of alloy (5)
12. I turned badly, not yet having taken the test (7)
13. I am in prusuit in a carriage (6)
15. Fell, but kept quiet (3,3)
18. Overhead lines (7)
20. Money, enough for a puree, perhaps (5)
22. Part of the roof showing a blend of styles in part (5)
23. Smouldering anger (7)
24. Immediately erect a road (11)

Down

2. A negative in any trouble (5)
3. People with such depressions may still be happy (7)
4. Best sort of capital investment! (6)
5. In fact a point of view (5)
6. No ordinary member of the force (7)
7. What a nursery may ask for looking after one! (5,6)
8. Highwayman intent on cleaning up? (11)
14. His life may be in the balance (7)
16. Possibly a tropic fruit (7)
17. Demanding, like royalty? (6)
19. Stadium near a ruin (5)
21. Animal comes from the pet-shop and accepts food (5)

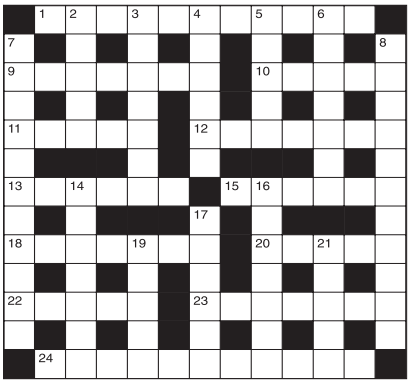
Quick Clues:

Across

1. Calamity (11)
9. Delicate (7)
10. Freight (5)
11. Happening (5)
12. Bounty (7)
13. Maintain (6)
15. Talented (6)
18. Vacation (7)
20. Sweeten (5)
22. Confine (5)
23. Passage (7)
24. News (11)

Down

2. Diminish (5)
3. Flier (7)
4. Triple (6)
5. Happen (5)
6. Crop (7)
7. A short time later (5,1,5)
8. Thoughtful (11)
14. A wise man (7)
16. Moment (7)
17. Method (6)
19. The same (5)
21. Zest (5)



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Metalled; 5 Stem; 9 News; 10 Scorpion; 11 Utter; 12 Candida; 13 Crossword clue; 18 Underlay; 19 Slur; 20 Berated; 21 Bored; 22 Dodo; 23 Pacifist. Down: 2 Elector; 3 Answers; 4 Encyclopaedia; 6 Trivial; 7 Mandate; 8 Ironed; 13 Clubbed; 14 Ordered; 15 Sprite; 16 Cast off; 17 Usurers. QUICK - Across: 1 Ecstatic; 5 Laud; 9 Prop; 10 Acquires; 11 Tacit; 12 Notable; 13 Unrepresented; 18 Contract; 19 Myth; 20 Emotion; 21 Freak; 22 Norm; 23 Regulate. Down: 2 Certain; 3 Top-side; 4 Incandescence; 6 Acrobat; 7 Descend; 8 Subtle; 13 Unclean; 14 Rancour; 15 Permit; 16 Numeral; 17 Extract.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

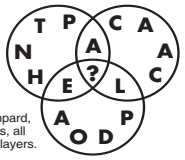
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >



Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



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THE WORD epic is probably overused these days, and most of the time the context in which it's used lacks gravitas.

Step into the world of the CLS63 AMG, though, and you remember what the word is there for. It's just about five metres long and, fitted with AMG wheels and body styling. It's a beast.

Yes the saloon boot is huge, and yes it's a practical and safe Mercedes, but there are more than a few exterior touches – cue four exhausts through which the most breathtaking noise escapes – that really get the juices flowing.

The AMG division has always prided itself on making its cars sound incredible.

The 6.2-litre naturally aspirated V8 engine, one of the best-sounding engines ever made and still available in the C63 AMG and SLS AMG, has been replaced by a 5.5-litre twin-turbocharged unit.

It's technically for the sake of emissions and fuel economy, but the power stands at 550bhp, along with an incredible 800NM of torque

The noise is equally amazing. Inside the car the occupants, up to four people, hear a muted V8 rumble. But anyone outside is treated to a thunderously loud, effortlessly deep and gloriously exciting cacophony from the exhausts. It's less hard-edged than that of the older 6.2, but boy is it still a noise to be celebrated.



The CLS63 justifies its price which is well into six figures

The model under test had an astonishing amount of options.

The AMG Performance package is great, but expensive at around £6,500, while the paint alone costs £4,500. It's lovely, but not that different from standard metallic to untrained eyes.

Relentless

In fact, this car, which costs more than £80,000 to begin with, had a total of £26,000 worth of extras, taking the final asking price comfortably into six figures.

Does the car justify the price?

If you have a disused airfield handy, the performance is, well, epic. Keep it pinned and you'll get violent and relentless acceleration, right up to where your fear reflexes overtake your willpower, or you hit the 155mph speed limiter.

The build quality and standard of materials is outstanding but amid the luxury, it's still a practical Mercedes. The COMAND multimedia system is among the easiest and most enjoyable to use.

The ride is generally good, given the size of the wheels.

Leg room for rear passengers is as abundant. It's a thoroughly comfortable environment to relax in while the lucky driver enjoys him or herself. The standard stereo is good, but better to upgrade to the Harman Kardon system, which with a few tweaks among the settings offers top-drawer sound quality.

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Promoter Dave Coldwell has won the purse bids to stage the fight and the two light middleweights could clash in Birmingham.

A Coldwell bill at the New Bingley Hall is scheduled for March 16 and the bout could be named chief support.

Ball and Al Harbi will put the zero in their losses column on the line when the undefeated duo meet, with a new English champion set to be crowned later this month.

Erick Ochieng and Nick Quigley will go toe-to-toe for the vacant title next week, with the victor to meet the Ball v Al Harbi winner.

That's what the British Boxing Board of Control has decided and Ball, the reigning Midlands champion, believe it's his only way in.

He said: "It will be tough, he's an unbeaten fighter like me and we have come across a lot of the same competition so far.

"At this stage, I have got to progress and I will, once I have got this on my slate, so I have got to take this fight.

Shock

"I have no other options, this is my only foot on the title ladder. I have got to play with the cards I have been dealt."

It's been a rollercoaster month for Ball after he was lined up for a shock crack at new British champion Brian Rose.

Rose and promoter Frank Maloney agreed to a voluntary defence but the board and Sky Sports vetoed the bout.

Ball had already turned down a proposed English title fight with Birmingham's Max Maxwell to hold out for Rose.

Maxwell has now been picked to face Rose, who he knocked out last year, and Ball knows which one he would rather face.

He said: "In my eyes, Max would have been a harder fight than Rose, he's someone who has never got to where he should have.

"He knocked Rose out, yet Rose comes back to win the English and British titles, that's the madness of boxing.

"My fight with Max fell apart because the board ordered me to have an eliminator. I am just not getting the opportunities."

It's that old Swann two for hopefuls

GORNAL are chasing the West Midlands Premier League title and proved too strong for visitors Stafford Town with a 4-0 win.

The more direct approach of the home side began to create chances and Matt Martin fired over the bar.

After 15 minutes a Calum Martin header forced Andy Heal to tip the ball over.

Gornal took the lead after 28 minutes when Mark Swann raced clear and he rounded Heal to score despite a desperate attempted goal-line clearance.

The lead was doubled after 57 minutes when unmarked Swann headed home a right wing cross.

Gornal clinched the points 10 minutes from time when substitute Ravi Sangha jinked through to score and he completed the scoring with a header in the final minute.

Sucker-punch try turns tide against KCs

Old Laurentian 43 Kidderminster Carolians 14

ALTHOUGH Old Laurentian were full value for their win, the final score did not reflect the contribution Kidderminster Carolians made to an absorbing contest.

Kidder started well and from an early attacking lineout launched a series of drives to win a penalty just outside the hosts' 22, which was converted by fly-half Chris Pinner for a 3-0 lead.

The advantage was short-lived, ***writes Martin Easton.*** OLs full-back Ben Wiles engineered an overlap on the right-hand side. His try was excellently converted by No.10 Jon Bean from wide out. His well-struck penalty extended their advantage but they put themselves under pressure when a kick out of defence was charged down by KCs, who turned the possession into a drop goal, via an upright, by centre Andy McLellan.

KCs got themselves in trouble when they lost their own lineout ball and gave away a penalty which the hosts kicked to touch. From the lineout a crisp pass found the OL No 12 Iain Wallis running at pace on a good angle and he dotted down under the posts. Bean's conversion stretched the lead to 17-6.

The hosts were pegged back when winger Rich Sollom seized on a dropped ball to spark a Carolians counter-attack. It culminated in a penalty, concerted by Pinner, who then put another narrowly wide.

On the stroke of half-time the visitors were caught napping when OLs followed up a long clearance kick to win a lineout which they took quickly with a short throw to Bean, who strolled over unopposed and converted his own try. Despite railing 24-9, KCs opened the second half with gusto. A late tackle on full-back James Whitehouse gave Kidder a penalty which forced a lineout five metres out.

The throw was secured and after a succession of scrums and lineouts on the home line, McLellan cross kicked for wing Will Varley.

The ball landed in the perfect spot but bounced back over his head and Whitehouse, following up, knocked on.

Even then a great eight-man shove saw KCs win turnover ball and at the reset scrum the hosts' No 7 was yellow carded. OLs, a man down, cracked at last as Sollom got over in the left corner. Only 10 points behind and on the front foot, Kidder were right back in the game but suffered a sucker punch when OLs' left wing Simon Bayliss picked off a careless pass on halfway for an interception try, converted by Bean.

With the game effectively won, the hosts' runners cut loose with two well worked tries inside seven minutes by Bean and Wallis. Bean's conversion of the last try took his haul to 23 points.

Stunned KCs regained their composure and ended the match with their best running rugby, only to be denied by OLs' defence.

Harriers smash five to power on in Trophy

KIDDERMINSTER Harriers notched their biggest win of the season to go through to the next stage of the FA Trophy.

Steve Guinan scored two second-half goals to help the Aggborough men to a comfortable success against Droylsden. Dan Bradley, Nick Wright and Jamille Matt also hit the target in Harriers' biggest win so far this season.

Kidderminster 5 Droylsden 1

They led 2-1 at half time before going on to sweep aside their Blue Square Bet North visitors with a victory that earned them £6,000 in prize money.

Aggborough boss Steve Burr praised his side for the way they stepped up their efforts after the interval to book a place in the third round.

He said: "A lot of credit has to go to Droylsden, particularly in the first half.

"I thought they were probably the best footballing side I've seen down here this season.

Bounce

"We had a few words at half-time because I thought we stood off them a bit and let them play," added the manager.

"Then second half we upped our game and it was nice to see the goals going in to get us through to the next round."

The win enabled former Trophy winners Harriers to bounce back in style after a 2-1 league defeat at Gateshead earlier in the week which ended their impressive 11-match unbeaten run.

They took the lead after seven minutes when newcomer Bradley scored with a 25-yard shot which caught out visiting goalkeeper Paul Phillips.

After that the Bloods began to give Burr's boys a more testing time during which Steve Hall, Dan Gardner and Ciaran Kilheeney all went close.

Harriers stretched their lead in the 34th minute with a fizzing 25-yard half-volley from Wright.

Dave Pace's Droylsden reduced the arrears shortly before the break following an excellent move which led to a powerfully headed goal from Hall.

Harriers stepped up the tempo after the break.

And they soon made it 3-1 when a free-kick by Mickey Demetriou was headed home by hot property Matt for his 13th goal of the campaign.

The eye-catching Bradley then set up the opportunity for Guinan to coolly lift the ball over Phillips on 54 minutes.

And front-runner Guinan then pounced again in the closing stages to seal the win.

The striker's finishing earned praise from Burr.

He said: "Steve showed the type of striker he is with that first finish and then getting the one to seal the win for us."

Kidderminster: Lyness; Sharpe, Mike Williams, Briscoe, Demetriou; Hankin (McQuilkin, 46), Storer (Gittings, 73), Bradley, Wright; Guinan, Matt (Marc Williams, 80). **Subs not used**: Checketts, Hurrell.

Referee: Amy Fearn (Leics)

Attendance: 1,104 (42 away fans).



Harriers keeper Dean Lyness clears the danger under pressure as Droylsden threaten at Aggborough



Paul Phillips at the feet of Jamille Matt



Nick Wright celebrates goal No.2 for Kidderminster Harriers

Even-steven as neither side can force a goal

Goodrich 0 Dudley Town 0

DUDLEY TOWN missed out on the chance to leapfrog Goodrich in the West Midlands Premier League table as neither side could find a breakthrough in an entertaining contest.

Robins manager Andy Burgess was able to pull the injured Ross Love out of the squad following the arrival of former Bala Town defender Luke Morton from local Division One outfit Trysull.

Love, who had been playing with a groin hernia since before Christmas, had put in some admirable displays as he battled through the pain barrier.

Apart from the inclusion of Morton, Burgess stayed loyal to the side that produced a 3-2 victory against fellow high-flyers Wolverhampton Casuals seven days before. The pitch at Goodrich only just survived an inspection as a cold snap bit. But it played well, earning the surface more repute as one of the best in the division.

The Robins were unlucky not to take the lead when Dreniz Bala drilled a shot over young Goodrich goalkeeper Jack Hayfield's bar.

Ferocious

Dudley had several good chances in the opening 30 minutes with Nikki Faux clearing the bar and Ben Store sending a low shot wide.

But the best chance of the first half fell to Bala, whose ferocious shot brought a save from Hayfield.

This season's joint top goalscorer could only drag the ball wide when the rebound fell back to him. Goodrich still had their chances as the first half drew to a close.

Former Dudley forward Jake Morgan had the best effort for the home side.

However, he was able only to spoon the ball over the crossbar after some neat build-up play from the Wolverhampton-based outfit.

The hosts had the upper hand in the early exchanges of the second period and Dudley's keeper James Trevalen pulled off a fine block from Sean Pugh just before the hour mark.

The visitors thought they had the breakthrough on 75 minutes when the impressive Store saw his firm low shot beat Hayfield but then sneak agonisingly past the Goodrich post. If Hayfield got lucky with that though, it took a fine piece of keeping to keep out Rion Francis-Mills.

The young substitute appeared to have lobbed the Goodrich shot stopper successfully only for Hayfield to stick out a hand and push the ball wide for a corner.

Dudley by now were in desperate search of a goal – and thought they had it on 85 minutes.

Forced

Store rounded Hayfield but then saw his shot cleared off the home line by Gary Bottomley.

There was also a late call for handball but luck just wasn't on the visitors' side and they were forced to settle for a point, albeit one that they would have been happy to take beforehand.

Brendan reaches top belt in juniors

FIFTY members of Kidderminster's Samurai Judo Club are starting the new year with higher grades following a month-long assessment process.

The highest junior grade, a top brown belt, was awarded to Brendan Crummy, who shortly afterwards was promoted again, this time to senior brown belt.

Two more players reached brown belt, Frankie Marston and Dan Watson.

Marston has had tremendous success last year including winning medals at the British Schools, British Nationals, Heart of England and at the Brugues Open in Belgium.

He also won the British Kata Championships with partner Crummy.

Watson, a former international medalist in New Zealand, is the club's longest serving current junior, having been with the club for nine years.

In the junior blue belts, brothers Arran and Rory Gulliver moved to top blue, just one grade away from brown. They joined Samurai when Bewdley Judo Club closed a few years ago .

Jumped

Tom Richardson moved to top green and Ryan Humphries, Bryony Griffiths and Hayden Clarke, moved to middle green.

Following his performance at the Junior Grade Bands at the Glades in November, Joe Dunn moved to top orange.

Five players, Darcie Hancocks, Jack Hinton, Nathan Gallacher, Matthew Hemer and Charlotte Read, moved to middle orange.

Molly Thompson gained her first orange belt.

Becky Hobby and Jake Humphreys jumped to top yellow. Hetty Tinsdale, Ellie Griffiths, Carla Hulme, Kyle Whitmore and William Taylor moved up to middle yellow.

Nancy Palfreyman, Andy Calloway, Luke Haynes, Helen Astill and Leah Grosvenor gained yellow belts.

Top reds went to Patrick Kealey, Joe Edwards, James Wall, Ben Hall, Charlotte Spokes, Aiden Preedy and Ariya Sa-Nguameueng.

There were middle reds for Sarah Astill, Sophie Wall, Silas Moule, Cameron Hobby and Toni Poulsom. Little tiger James Hemer gained his first red.

In the seniors, Alex Poulton moved to green following his double gold at the Rod Lane Open. There was orange for Grant Priest, Charlie Spooner, Dan Jones, Chris McMahon and Kyle Hannaford. After impressing coaches, beginners Joe Johnstone and Dan Cox, bypassed the first red belt grade straight to yellow.

McGrath off as Yeltz lose

HALESOWEN ended with 10 men for the third consecutive game as they lost 4-2 at Leigh.

Yeltz took the lead through debutant Ben Haseley following his move from Heath Hayes, and after Morgan Williams had scored the first of his two for North Leigh, Nathan Jackson restored the visitors' lead.

John Mills equalised for the Millers in the 73rd minute and the hosts finished strongly after Michael McGrath was sent off in the 76th minute.

Williams fired home his second after 84 minutes and Mills condemned Yeltz to a 10th defeat in 14 league games for Halesowen.

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Lye fail to get past 10-man opponents

LYE left disappointed as 10-man AFC Wulfrunians produced a dogged performance to win 1-0 at home and pick up all three points in the West Midlands Premier League.

Danny Crudgington's 33rd-minute goal proved to be the winner despite Wulfs going down to 10 men as early as the 11th minute when Dave Asbury was dismissed for a rash challenge.

The visitors made a good start and should have taken a first-minute lead. Chris Poyntz cut the ball back from the left but Matt Webb dragged his shot wide.

Lye continued to make the running and their path appeared to have been smoothed when a strong tackle from Asbury on Steve Bull brought a straight red.

But rather than affecting the home side, the dismissal galvanised them. Wulfs went close when Jake Sedgemore's cross was headed back across goal by Kyle Brady and Crudgington headed just past the post.

The goal came in the 33rd minute when Crudgington dispossessed his man and surged forward before firing low past Stephen Jackson.

Ladies beat frost and opposition

STOURPORT ladies hockey fifths were the only side whose match beat the frost at the weekend.

The players' reward was a 4-0 home win in the friendly encounter with Droitwich seconds. Two goals in each half secured the victory.

The match, played in an excellent spirit, was evenly balanced despite the line.

Stourport, with some good passing play, looked the more likely to score and a mazy run around Droitwich defenders in the D by Kerry Walker set up Rosie Lewis to slot home the first goal.

Droitwich remained a threat but Stourport scored again when Walker struck.

The visitors continued to push forward in the second half but resolute play by Stourport's midfield and defence left their keeper with barely a save to make.

However, goals continued to flow at the other end as Jean Senior added a third and then Hazel Claris got the slightest of touches on the ball for it to trickle past across the line for number four.

It's all work as Dan prepares to race

by Nigel Pearson

NEW Dudley Heathens signing Dan Greenwood is putting in the hours in preparation for the 2012 speedway season.

He has taken on two jobs to help finance his sport – and has even sold his car. The rider is the final piece in the team jigsaw on a three-point average and is saving up his wages to be as competitive as possible.

He appeared lost to the sport at the end of the 2007 season for personal reasons but made a comeback last September and rode some meetings for Newport.

Now he is ready for a full season with the former Cradley club.

Greenwood will make his Heathens debut against Stoke in a Staffordshire Cup clash at Monmore on Tuesday, April 3.

He said: "I've sold my car so I can get a van. My dad is prepared to help me, too, and I really want to make a go of it this season and show what I can do on a bike.

"I'm working 60-hours a week at the moment in a caravan shop during the day and a bar at night just so I can give myself the best possible chance to make a career from speedway.

"I was really pleased to be back on a bike last season and I feel I can be a much better and improved rider than I was in 2007 because I was only 15 and was pretty small.

"I've grown a bit since then and I feel I can be a more complete rider because of it.

"I know some of the lads, I've been on the grasstrack with Tom Perry since I was six and he's a good lad," added Greenwood.

"I'm looking forward to meeting the rest of the boys in March."

Heathens boss Will Pottinger is delighted to have his team in place.

Their combined average is a fraction under the 40-point limit at 39.97.

"Dan will be a good signing for us, I feel he can be a bargain on a three-point average," said Pottinger. "If he can score some points for us at reserve it gives us that all-round strength."

Tickets are selling fast for the Heathens 2012 Season Launch Party at Cradley Heath Liberal Club on Friday, March 9.

All the riders will be introduced on stage and there will also be live music from local solo artist and Heathens fan Neil Davidson.

The new Heathens race jacket will also be revealed on the night and there will be an auction and raffle. Tickets cost £3 for supporters club members and £5 non-members and can be bought online at www.dudleyheathens.co or on 07717 242957.

NO SALES PRESSURE OVER STRIKER MATT

KIDDERMINSTER Harriers have insisted they are no under pressure to cash in on star striker Jamille Matt in the January transfer window – or manager Steve Burr.

by Craig Birch

Matt was the subject of three bids from Football League club Northampton last month, who were eventually scared away by a six-figure price tag.

The 22-year-old has become a sensation this season with eight goals in 18 Blue Square Premier starts but, rather than leaving, he could be offered a new deal. His contract expires at the end of the season.

But, to safeguard the future of the highly-rated forward, Harriers may be pressed into action sooner than expected.

Chairman Mark Serrell has also revealed that boss Burr has been the subject of interest from other clubs since league rivals Grimsby made their move back in March.

The Mariners are the only club to have made their interest public.

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But, during the process of clarifying Harriers' stance on Matt, Serrell also confirmed that there have been other approaches.

He said: "We do not have to sell any of our players during this transfer window and we are continually monitoring contracts and contract extensions for all players – including Jamille.

"However, we always have to take into account the interests of both the player and the club.

"We would be foolish to make any guarantees about what may happen in the future.

"We have received enquires about Steve from a number of clubs since March of last year," he added. "Steve is fully aware of all interest that has been expressed.

"Steve is contracted until May 2014 and we continue to concentrate on fully supporting him and his team in our pursuit of promotion to the Football League."

Serrell added the club were looking to add, rather than trim, their squad before the end of the transfer window.

Harriers have already signed midfielder Dan Bradley to a deal.

The chairman said: "Steve and his assistant Gary Whild are working very hard to try and strengthen our squad.

"With regards to any names of potential targets, Steve and Gary have full responsibility in choosing the players they require," he added.

"I think their track record speaks for itself."

Harriers's 5-1 victory over Droylsden at the weekend earned them a home draw in the third round.

They will play host to the winners of the replay between Hinckley and Luton Town.



Kyle Storer threatens at the Droylsden back post during Harriers' 5-1 FA Trophy success at Aggborough

Booted to defeat by dead-eyed Woodrow

STOURBRIDGE Saxons outscored Birmingham and Solihull Bees by three tries to none in a crucial relegation clash only for six penalties from the left boot of Mark Woodrow to clinch an 18-17 win for the visitors.

Woodrow's fourth stint at Bees began just days before, following a brief and largely unhappy spell at Stourton Park.

The vanquished hosts, who now face a tough 11-game battle to preserve their third-tier status, were left to reflect on a number of missed chances.

These included several fruitless close-range set-pieces, plus four missed kicks at goal.

Woodrow struck four times in nine minutes and the Saxons' problems were compounded by Matt Williams' sin bin, following a misplaced elbow.

Woodrow had put over five penalties before Saxons broke their duck six minutes into the second period with a Tom Jarvis try.

Woodrow's sixth and final strike was followed when the game's best move ended with Nathan Bressington'ss 12th try of the season.

Ben Hughes got a third, which Jamie Hearn upgraded but the Bees held firm.

Town hope for better weather

A FROZEN pitch meant the postponement of Bewdley Town's match at Wolverhampton Casuals on Saturday.

Town will hope for better weather this Saturday when they entertain Bustleholme (3pm).

Bewdley have a full squad from which to choose for the fixture.

They have also signed striker Alex Lavery from Stourport Swifts.

On Tuesday (7.45pm) Bewdley host Studley FC, who play one league higher in the Midland Alliance, in the semi-final of the Worcestershire FA Senior Urn – a repeat of last year's final.

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